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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2009-0025]

Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.: Grant of Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to expand the scope of recognition for Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

DATES: The expansion of the scope of recognition becomes effective on **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693-1999; email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S.

Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693-2110; email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

OSHA's website includes information about the NRTL Program (see

<http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice of the expansion of the scope of recognition of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) as a NRTL. UL's expansion covers the addition of three recognized testing standards to the NRTL scope of recognition.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.7. Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition, and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification.

The agency processes applications by a NRTL for initial recognition, or for expansion or renewal of this recognition, following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. This appendix requires that the agency publish two notices in the *Federal Register* in processing an application. In the first notice, OSHA announces the application and provides the preliminary finding and, in the second notice, the agency provides the final decision on the application. These notices set forth the NRTL's scope of recognition or modifications of that scope. OSHA maintains an informational webpage for each NRTL that details the scope of recognition. These pages are available from the agency's website at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

UL submitted an application, dated August 24, 2016 (OSHA-2009-0025-0024), to expand recognition to include three additional test standards. This application was revised on July 24, 2018, to note the titles of the standards requested in the original application (OSHA-2009-0025-0025). OSHA staff performed detailed analyses of the application

packets and other pertinent information. OSHA did not perform any on-site reviews in relation to this application.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing UL's expansion application in the *Federal Register* on April 10, 2019 (84 FR 14402). The agency requested comments by April 25, 2019, and the agency received one comment (OSHA-2009-0025-0028) about the application, but the comment did not require a response from the agency. OSHA now is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of UL's scope of recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to UL's application, go to www.regulations.gov or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-3655, Washington, DC 2021; telephone: (202) 693-2350. Docket No. OSHA-2009-0025 contains all materials in the record concerning UL's recognition.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA staff examined UL's expansion application and examined other pertinent information. Based on a review of this evidence, OSHA finds that UL meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for expansion of recognition, subject to the limitation and conditions listed below.

OSHA, therefore, is proceeding with this final notice to grant expansion of UL's scope of recognition.

Table 1
List of Appropriate Test Standards for Inclusion in
UL's NRTL Scope of Recognition

Test Standard	Test Standard Title
UL 60079-2	Standard for Explosive Atmospheres – Part 2: Equipment Protection by Pressurized Enclosure “p”
UL 60079-25	Explosive Atmospheres – Part 25: Intrinsically Safe Electrical Systems
UL 60079-31	Explosive Atmospheres – Part 31: Equipment Dust Ignition Protection by Enclosure “t”

OSHA’s recognition of any NRTL for a particular test standard is limited to equipment or materials for which OSHA standards require third-party testing and certification before using them in the workplace. Consequently, if a test standard also covers any products for which OSHA does not require such testing and certification, a NRTL’s scope of recognition does not include these products.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) may approve the test standards listed above as American National Standards. However, for convenience, the use of the designation of the standards-developing organization for the standard as opposed to the ANSI designation may occur. Under the NRTL Program’s policy (see OSHA Instruction CPL 1-0.3, Appendix C, paragraph XIV), any NRTL recognized for a particular test standard may use either the proprietary version of the test standard or the ANSI version of that standard. Contact ANSI to determine whether a test standard is currently ANSI-approved.

A. Conditions

In addition to those conditions already required by 29 CFR 1910.7, UL must abide by the following conditions of the recognition:

1. UL must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major change in its operations as an NRTL, and provide details of the change(s);
2. UL must meet all the terms of its recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and
3. UL must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on UL's scope of recognition, in all areas for which it has recognition.

Pursuant to the authority in 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby expands the scope of recognition of UL, subject to the limitation and conditions specified above.

III. Authority and Signature

Loren Sweatt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 25, 2019.

Loren Sweatt,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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